

## Third Sector Leaders Meeting

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at Northorpe Hall, 53 Northorpe Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0QL

### In attendance

- Tom Taylor (Northorpe Hall) – **CHAIR**
- Bridget Hughes (Lifeline)
- Colin Harrison (Electroville)
- David Hegarty (S2R)
- Denzil Nurse ( Honeyzz )
- Emily Thompson (Groundwork)
- Geoff Durrans (Alliance For Healthy Living)
- Hilary Schreiner (Society For The Blind of Dewsbury, Batley and District)
- Hilary Thompson (Batley Resource Centre)
- Jill Robson (Mencap In Kirklees)
- Jo Jones (Fit 4 Funding)
- Joann Wareham (Huddersfield Deanery Project For Older People)
- Julian Grove Haworth (Cloverleaf Advocacy)
- Marlene Chambers (Thornhill Lees Community Centre)
- Mike McCusker (Fresh Horizons)
- Mike Taylor (Deighton Into Sport)
- Natalie Pinnock Hamilton (Community Links)
- Noreen Edery (Denby Dale Centre)
- Phil Wootton (Poperetta)
- Ruth Pawson (Kirklees Active Leisure)
- Tom Bailey (Voluntary Action Kirklees0)
- Val Johnson (Voluntary Action Kirklees)

### Guests

- Chris Stephen (NHS Kirklees)

### Apologies

- Alasdair Brown (Kirklees Active Leisure)
- Christina Quinn (Kirklees Community Healthcare Services)
- Clare Jones (WomenCentre)
- David Wears (PERS)
- Fawzia Mir (PERS)
- Helen Crawford (The Nerve Centre)
- Helen Minett (SHAP)
- Roger Milthorp (Cloverleaf Advocacy)

**The meeting started at 14:05**

**Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions from the Chair**

**Item 2 – Resignation of Chair / Chair Nomination Process**

Noted former Chair (Simon Perfitt)'s resignation for those still unaware. Noted that Vice Chair Tom Taylor accepts the role as Acting Chair, but would prefer to remain as Vice Chair – however will consider the Chair role if there are no other nominations. Nominations forms for a new Chair have been emailed to members and will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. No nominations are made at the table.

**Item 3 – Minutes of June 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting / Matters Arising**

Pages one, two and three approved. Page 4 approved but needs a minor correction (next meeting date should read 11<sup>th</sup> August, not 11<sup>th</sup> June)

Chris Stephen provided an update regarding NHS Kirklees. Current project include a raising awareness for bowel cancer screening campaign for which they would welcome any ideas or help, as well as for an alcohol campaign targeting parents looking for a 'culture shift' to reduce their drinking. There will also be Mental Health Awareness training and a conference event in late October / early November. The public health team and Kirklees council are currently working on joint strategic needs – Chris will keep TSL updated.

Noted that Chris has launched a new voluntary organisation – Fingertip, which is a one day advice service in Newsome for people with longstanding health issues.

Also noted that there is a Kirklees Link JS & A event on 23<sup>rd</sup> August (10am – 12pm) at Standard House, Huddersfield. More info can be found by emailing [kirkleeslink@cloverleaf-advocacy.org.uk](mailto:kirkleeslink@cloverleaf-advocacy.org.uk)

**Item 4 – Transforming Local Infrastructure Fund**

Val and Mike discussed potential ideas for the £30 million national investment from the Government. There are 150 upper tier officers eligible to apply – Kirklees is but of the 150 only around 80 will be successful. Noted the investment has three aims:

- To provide better support / networking and volunteering brokerage for frontline groups, and frontline groups will value / willing to pay for
- Stronger local leadership for frontline organisations – how can TSL be a part of and benefit from this?
- Existing infrastructures are improved and less reliant on Government funding in future as this likely to be the last major Government investment for a while.

The Government are looking for **ONE** bid from each area – multiple bids from the same area may lead to disqualification. 30 organisations registered interest in the Kirklees region (Val has a complete list of groups registered in Kirklees).

Noted Val and Mike have already met with Kimiyo Rickett and David Morby to discuss initial ideas for the Kirklees bid. The following ideas were suggested:

- There would be potential interest in continuing investment after the initial funding (last 18 months max)
- Infrastructure funding through procurement - current lack of knowledge what different organisations do and therefore potential for procurement and groups trading with each other
- Could groups share more procurement with the local authority?

Noted that Involve Yorkshire have been looking at these ideas and that there may be an existing organisation in different sector that may be willing to take this on, and save the need to set up from scratch.

In summary – the key idea for the bid is the creation of a marketplace (website?) which groups could use to sell, promote and provide info, knowledge transfer, bookings, share use of community buildings and churches (would promote better use of buildings and money saved could go towards refurbishments). The marketplace would allow members to register before using. Also noted potential for strands around social enterprise development and volunteering / timebanking. **Agreed** a definite need to ensure BME groups are included.

Suggested that the marketplace could be hosted by VAK or another existing organisation. Alternatively could be created as a new enterprise with local organisations putting a stake in. Concerns noted that the project may be too similar to The Campaign Company's 'The Hub' project and that any bid would have to link with council's and TCC's plans to have a better chance of being successful. Also concerned that sharing resources may result in some people lose jobs. Suggested that the chamber of commerce may have a suitable business model to work from.

Noted that there is a deadline of 2<sup>nd</sup> September for forming a consortium of those registered, and final bids are due to be submitted by October. Those who have expressed interest will meet next week and keep TSL updated.

### **Item 8 – Community Organisers**

Val reminded the group about the programme for those groups wishing to participate. Tom Bailey will re-send info via mailing list. Concerns noted that in the scheme some individuals may clash with the organisations that host them and over the long term as the scheme is only funded for one year.

### **Item 5 – A new mandate for VCS Representation**

The fading of the current VCS infrastructure (VAN network) means there's little opportunity for feeding back info – potential for TSL to become involved? **Agreed** a need to find to collate who is currently sitting in which meetings / panels and where TSL has a presence – VAK will do this. Once this is collated can discuss with Kirklees Council and think about a better process for selecting which TSL members are suitable for which meetings.

### **Item 7 – The Hub / Campaign Company Meeting Update**

Brief recap of the July TSL TCC meeting in which members put questions to Kevin Huggins Cooper. Still confusion regarding TCC's aims – setting up a social enterprise or infrastructure. Noted that TCC are currently reworking their business plan, as the original was unworkable.

**Agreed** TSL will keep working with TCC for now, noted potential access to ERDF funding they may bring. **Agreed** a need to set up a TSL TCC sub group follow up meeting with Kevin.

### **Item 6 – Meeting Updates**

#### **Council Liaison**

Noted there have been recent meetings with Merran McRae, Kimiyo Rickett and Adrian Lythgo to keep TSL's links with council. Noted that Kimiyo is now the key lead for council liaison on, however TSL must keep meeting with Adrian and Merran to maintain a presence. Kirklees Council still value and see the importance of TSL. Lack of BME membership is still an issue – have asked for a minimum of two BME members.

Updates on Kirklees partnership – current progress is going well, TSL have requested that we are included in the development of any new boards. Noted that a draft of the new compact has been produced – outlining principles for working together, however is quite lengthy – TSL have again stressed a need for it to be streamlined to no more than one page. Current draft does include a conflict resolution section which is an improvement from the last. Also important that Kirklees Council take ownership of the strategy – it should be viewed as their strategy for working with the VCS, not a shared strategy.

## **Procurement Group**

Last meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July Kirklees Council agreed to write a paper concerning their priorities with procurement – i.e. locally sourced or price / value. This will be send councillors before sending back. The group have also requested details of what the Council are preparing to buy within the next year (similar to Leeds Voice – list of contracts available).

Noted that since January each month Kirklees Council have put their monthly spending onto the Kirklees Council website. The spending is listed in two categories: greater than £500 and greater than £25,000.

The list can be accessed here:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/egov/opendata/expenditure/expenditure500Reports.shtml>

Also noted Kirklees Council would be willing to work with TSL to create a ‘Meet The Buyer’ event focused on Third Sector networking. However Kirklees Council do have slight concerns regarding potential legal challenges in procurement.

Noted the procurement group will next meet in September, and are planning to submit a paper (jointly produced by Kirklees Council) to cabinet in November.

## **Item 9 - Any Other Business**

Noted that the Independent Workforce Development (IWD) are looking for ideas and help from Third Sector – looking for volunteers to join planning group for 2/3. Noted no volunteers at meeting, Simon Cale may be interested.

The next TSL meeting will be held at Northorpe Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 14:00 – 16:30.

**The meeting ended at 16:05pm.**